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**REMARKS**

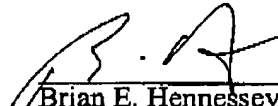
Claims 20-22 and 25-27 are pending in the present application after this amendment cancels claims 11-19, 23, and 24. Claims 20-22 and 25-27 are amended into independent form. The amendments do not add new matter, and find support throughout the specification and figures. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner acknowledges that claims 20-22 and 25-27 are directed to patentable subject matter. With the amendment of these claims into independent form including the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-19, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0027559 to Wood (hereinafter referred to as Wood). With the cancellation of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of these claims is obviated.

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